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Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.

Fair and warmer Saturday fresh easterly winds.

The first fall of snow of the season was at Marquette, Michigan, last Wednesday. They were only flurries. Frost was general Friday morning from the Lake regions eastward, except on the Atlantic Coast. It has been cold here several days, the thermometer registering 47 degrees early yesterday morning.

Gen. Davis writes from Porto Rico that at least 250,000 people there must be fed until a fresh crop is grown.

The civilized nations of the world are, with unvarying unanimity indignant and outraged at the unjust condemnation of Dreyfus. The question of "boycotting" the Parisian Exposition is discussed with eagerness in all the principal cities of the continent of Europe, and in more than one leading city in the United States. The united voices of Christendom ought to visit upon this nefarious business a sharp voice of condemnation. The French capital has been confidently counting upon the expenditure of \$350,000,000 (two hundred and fifty millions) at the grand Exposition. The indications point to a reluctance on the part of the civilized nations of the world to manifest their condemnation of the Dreyfus brutality by withdrawing from all participation in the Paris Exposition.

The Shubrick (a most ineffectual name) is the first ship to be launched from the excellent ship-building plant at Richmond. This important event is to occur in the next few days. The Richmond Times says that:

Mr. Samuel Stern, the originator of the plan, and the many influential gentlemen who are now helping to make the launching of the Shubrick a grand success, have from the first desired that a Richmond girl should break the bottle of champagne over the prow of the boat as she glides into the water. There now seems to be every reason to believe that this will be the case, although the claims of some mythical "Miss Shubrick" have been several times printed.

Who can tell what may be the history of shipbuilding at Richmond? The opportunities of this city for shipbuilding are as great, and even greater, than those of many of the ports in the old world, and in the new world. Give the South a chance. That is all the section South of Mason and Dixon's Line asks.

Since 1866 the United States has paid in pensions the enormous sum of \$2,389,910,074.74. Can any other nation in the world show such a record? And yet, according to the following from a leading northern newspaper, the action of the G. A. R. at Philadelphia last week is thus explained:

"This action means a demand for the increase of the pension list from its present figure—\$138,000,000 to the enormous sum of \$200,000,000. It means not only the serious embarrassment of President McKinley, but also the introduction of one of the gravest elements of discord that has ever entered into the councils of the Republican party."

The foregoing should be read in connection with what appears elsewhere from the N. Y. Evening Post.

Germany when she whipped France in the Franco-Prussian war required an indemnity of nine hundred and fifty millions of dollars, measured by our standard of value. So far nearly two billions and four hundred millions of dollars have been paid in pensions. And if the South has paid one-third of this, it will be seen that the South has already paid about as much as France had to pay, and yet for fifty years to come these payments are to be made. Out in Kansas they have "money to burn." No wonder, as their districts are getting over three quarters of a million of dollars a year in pension money, and Kansas is one of the most dissatisfied States at what it is getting. The Free Lance circulates very largely in the 1st and 8th Congressional districts of Virginia, just suppose that these districts could get annually three quarters of a million of money from the U. S. Government, surely there would be "good times," and unlike our Kansas friends there would be "gratitude" not "grumbling."

The letter of Secretary of State John Hay to Mr. Dick, chairman of the Ohio Republican Committee, is attracting much attention and eliciting a great deal of criticism. It is altogether an unusual thing for the principal member of the cabinet to meddle in the political campaign of a State, and for so dignified a man as Mr. Hay to do this unwelcome thing, has started the tongues of the gossips in the briskest kind of a clatter. The almost universal surmise is that the head of the cabinet did not volunteer to take a hand in the hot Ohio campaign, but that he has been urgently requested to do so by Mr. McKinley and the party managers, and the inference drawn from the unusual circumstance is that a great fear has seized upon the Republican leaders over the result of the gubernatorial contest in the Buckeye State. For McLean and the Democrats to carry Mr. McKinley's own State would be a most serious blow to his aspiration for the renomination, which it is generally understood he so keenly covets. The alarm has undoubtedly been rung, and rung so loudly that its reverberations were heard across the Atlantic, and saluted the tympanum of Mark Hanna's ear so appealingly that he at once seized his hat, walking cane, overcoat and umbrella, and hustling his undergarb half packed into his valise, and hailing the first cab he could see, hurried to wharf and caught the steamer for America. He and his barrel of money are badly wanted just now in Ohio. As soon as the steamer lands at New York Mark—now "Mark"—the phrase—will take the cannon ball express for Cleveland, Ohio, and at once open the ammunition box that is to supply the cartridges for the gubernatorial campaign. Among the odds in Washington is the statement that Grosvenor, the leading Republican from Ohio in the House of Representatives, as bitter a Republican organizer as breathes the vital air, has been on a visit to the White House, and has been influential in starting the fears of the President as to the result of the pending Ohio campaign. There is no kind of doubt but that the McKinleyites are fearfully disturbed over the complexion of the Ohio campaign. To add to the disorder it is well known that Foraker is carrying a brick in his pocket for McKinley. And then, there is the Bushnell trouble. It is well known and tenaciously treasured up, that Mark Hanna freely traded off votes in the election two years ago greatly to the peril of Gov. Bushnell's prospects. The pigeons are coming home to roost. The times in Ohio—that is the Republican times—are sadly out of joint. Hanna on his homeward voyage no doubt recalls the despairing invocation in Hamlet: The times are out of joint; O lackluster weight. That I should be the one to set them right.

There can be no doubt that the nomination of McLean as the Democratic candidate for Governor has paralyzed with fear the Republican party in Ohio and in the country at large. The money that Mark Hanna and Grosvenor will expend (out of their private pockets and out of the general campaign corruption fund) will be more than was required to pay for the acquisition of Louisiana in 1803, with its stretch of territory to the Pacific Ocean; and more than the value of the Northwestern territory ceded by Virginia to the Government in 1787. Neither Hanna nor Grosvenor have subscribed a paper similar to the one given by Martin and Tyler to the committee in Culpeper, not to spend a dollar or a dime for votes or for liquor in the coming election. No, they have subscribed no such paper; and the head of the "barrel" will be broken open and its contents scattered over the good old office-seeking and office-holding State of Ohio.

Too Many Men and Not Enough Life Preservers.

The Tartar, flying the British flag, bringing home troops from Manila, has been detained at Hong Kong, China, because she had 1,142 men on board, and the British registry allows her only 750 passengers.

A detailed report from Hong Kong covered the Quartermaster's Department with confusion and disturbed the placidity of Secretary Root and the President. The publication of this report will surprise the department fully as much as the facts will astound the public. The report charges:

That the Tartar was overcrowded.

That she had not sufficient life preservers on board for 1,142 men.

That after 400 men were removed, there was still an insufficient number of life preservers for the reduced cargo of human freight.

That there were not enough boats on board to save half the ship's company in case of marine disaster.

That there were not enough catamarans and life rafts to accommodate the troops remaining after the boats were filled. This also refers to the reduced cargo of 750 men.

The British Government, in a word, has published to the world the fact that a United States Government transport was permitted to sail from Manila by Otis with the knowledge that there were not enough life preservers and boats on board to provide for one-half the number of American soldiers on board in case of wreck.

A Philippine Soldier Heard From.

Othneal Hutchison, son of ex-Treasurer Hutchison, of Manassas, Va., sends word to his relatives that he is well and in China on his way home from the Philippines. Nothing having been heard from young Hutchison, they had supposed him dead. He belonged to a Western regiment of volunteers.

Denounces McKinley.

Magnus A. Hess, the "Original McKinley Man," of Cincinnati, Ohio, who says that he started the boom which put the present incumbent in the Presidential chair, is sending circulars throughout the country condemning him for failing to recognize this fact by an appointment.

The circulars give fac simile copies of correspondence with McKinley, Hanna, Sherman and many other prominent Republicans, seconding Hess's efforts to obtain a place and pledging him recognition.

He says: "President McKinley ought to be ashamed of himself. I don't want a position under his administration, because he has surrounded himself with millionaires, representatives of trusts and corporations."

The Vanderbilt Funeral Marked by Great Simplicity.

New York, Sept. 15.—The funeral of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt took place today. The service was held at St. Bartholomew's Church at 10 o'clock in the morning. Rev. Dr. David H. Greer and Bishop Henry C. Potter officiating.

After the service the body was taken to a special ferry-boat in waiting, and the funeral party carried to Staten Island. Arriving there the funeral party drove to the Vanderbilt home, a solemn in the cemetery at New Dorp where the last service, conducted also by Dr. Greer, was held.

Sawmill Burned.

Tuesday night the sawmill of Mr. N. L. Holland, located at Eastville Station, Northampton county, was burned to the ground. Several thousand feet of lumber which was piled near the mill was also destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from the engine. The passenger and freight depot of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, which is located near by the mill, was saved with great difficulty. The loss is about \$4,000. No insurance.

Counterfeit \$2 Silver Note.

The secret service has discovered a new counterfeit \$2 silver certificate. It is of the series of 1896, check letter "C." Price register, Roberts treasurer. It is printed on two pieces of soft, thin paper, pasted together, no attempt having been made to imitate the silk fiber in the genuine. It is apparently a zinc etching, the lathe work and portraits are especially bad, and the counterfeit should be readily detected.

Will Redeem Mutilated Currency.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The Comptroller of the Treasury, in a decision made public yesterday, holds that the holder of mutilated paper currency is entitled to have it redeemed by the Government. The question arose on the application of parties living in St. Louis for the redemption of \$3,350 in mutilated currency, which they claim to have found. Heretofore the Government has appropriated currency sent in for redemption under such circumstances.

Owens, Bailed.

Howard L. Owens, alias Capt. F. O. Ward, who was arrested in Richmond several weeks ago for impersonating a United States officer and obtaining money under false pretenses, was bailed out of jail Wednesday morning in the sum of \$1,000. His surety was his father. The young man is now at his home, at Warrenton, Va. Owens' case will be called at the October term of the United States District Court.

"McKinley A Man of Putty."

Columbus, O., Sept. 13.—Gen. John Beatty, a prominent Ohio Republican, a banker of this city, said today:

"The defeat of the Republican ticket this fall would be a blessing to the nation. It would mean a proper rebuke to McKinley and an end of the outrageous war in the Philippines. It would be a deserved verdict against imperialism and re-establish the eternal principle upon which the Republic was based."

"William McKinley I have always considered a man of putty, and Mark Hanna is a political blunderer."

Blameworthy Iron Never

was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found in those whose stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c. at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store.

Abraham Greenwald, formerly one of the most prominent merchants of Richmond, Va., died Wednesday, aged 95 years.

The State Department at Washington is beginning to reap the returns from the Dreyfus indignation meetings. Protests by telegraph and by mail are coming in. These take various forms, but in the main they urge the department to take official notice of the verdict of the Dreyfus case, and to recommend that Congress cancel the appropriation for the exhibit at the Paris Exposition of next year. The department will pay no attention to these protests. Their receipt will not be acknowledged. The department takes the ground that the Dreyfus case is a matter of internal affairs in which the Government has no voice, and that to take official notice of the matter would be a gratuitous affront to France. Public meetings may be held and resolutions may be passed without number, but the State Department will pay no heed to them.

A copy of the reply adopted by the Philippine Congress to the American offer of an autonomous government has been published. The author was Ambrosio Rianzares, to whom was offered a position in the Supreme Court, but who failed to appear and was supposed to be detained by the insurrectionists. The document repeats the arguments contained in the recent appeal to the powers for recognition, and the Philippine alleges that the Americans were the aggressors in the war, and closes: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, we could have accepted your sovereignty and autonomy if we had not seen by the behavior of the Americans in the beginning that they were strongly opposed to us, through race prejudice, and the high-handed methods of dealing with us made us fear for the future in your hands. Finally, we thank you for your offers of autonomy under sovereignty."

RICHMOND ITEMS.

Gov. Tyler Decides Not to Interfere With the Court Sentence in the Case of Noah Findley.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 15.—Noah Findley, the negro highwayman, will have to pay the penalty of his crime on the gallows today at Dublin, in Palaski county. Despite the numerous appeals for respite, Governor Tyler yesterday afternoon decided not to interfere with the sentence of the court. This will be the first time in half a century, if not for a longer period, that anyone in Virginia has had to pay the extreme penalty of the law for robbery on the highway. Findley's case, though, was a very aggravated one, and, Governor, Tyler, therefore, decided not to grant him the clemency prayed for.

Findley is regarded as a desperado and has been convicted of other crimes. Gov. Tyler telegraphed from Radford yesterday afternoon giving his reasons for refusing to respite Findley.

"The prisoner," telegraphs the Executive, "was convicted by a jury of honorable men, who state on oath that they were unbiased and could give the prisoner a fair and impartial trial. The law in its wisdom, allows them to inflict the death penalty. There is no question of the prisoner's guilt and no mitigating circumstances urged as a reason for clemency. I, therefore, decline to interfere with the verdict."

Capt. W. T. Thompson, commanding the Butler Colored Zouave Corps, of Washington, has written to Governor Tyler for permission for his command to visit Warrenton on Sept. 22.

This is the thirty-sixth anniversary of the emancipation proclamation issued by President Lincoln. The purpose of this visit is to take part in the ceremonies incident to this occasion. Mayor John R. Spillman, of Warrenton, protests against allowing this command to visit that city on Emancipation Day. "I write," says the Mayor, "to ask that this permission be refused; certainly that no permission be given them to bring with them their guns, etc. It is supposed that a very large number of colored people will be here on that occasion. Our police force is small, consisting usually of one person. Our people are uneasy as it is, when the great number expected is considered, and to help swell the crowd will, in our opinion, be a dangerous experiment."

County Judge C. W. White indorses the Mayor's letter. "I endorse the above. There are now in jail here two white persons charged with assault upon a colored woman, as well as a negro upon a like charge. I learn already that threats are made as to what will be done when this crowd comes here. Our people are uneasy, and to allow these colored troops to come armed will not, in our opinion, be advisable."

The Governor has been wired the protest.

Gov. Tyler has decided to attend, with his staff, the celebration in Chicago on October 9, incident to the laying of the corner stone of the government building in that city. The Governor's staff, which consists of 18, with the exception of that of Georgia, is said to be the largest of any Executive in the country.

The Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, which was severed at the outbreak of the recent war, is to be reorganized. The Governor has just granted permission for this organization. The command will continue their resplendent and original uniform, which has attracted attention for so many years.

The charter of the Valley Ore Company was recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth today. The purposes of the company are mining and trading in ore. The capital stock is limited to \$2,000,000. George L. Carter, of Bristol, is president. The charter of the Pocahontas Lumber Company was also recorded in the same office. The maximum capital stock is fixed at \$50,000. W. Edwin Perego, of Baltimore, is president.

William A. Hankins, colored, janitor of the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, has been notified of his appointment to a captaincy. Other appointments are expected here.

Bids were opened here yesterday for improving James river. Three bids were submitted, the lowest of which was \$80,174.08, and the highest \$139,912.70.

An examination yesterday into the subject of the amount of taxes paid under the State by colored people shows that the race pays taxes on \$15,000,000. It is officially stated that the negroes annually receive \$500,000 more from the Commonwealth than they pay into the treasury.

The W. R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company are to build the Presbyterian mission boat which is to be used on the Congo river, in Africa. It is to be a stern-wheel steambot, 20 tons, 70 feet long and 13 feet wide. It is to be completed in six months.

Killed By a Girl in Middlesex County.

Luella Braxton shot and instantly killed Thomas Crittenden in the main road near Street's post office, in Middlesex county, Wednesday night at 9:30. They are both negroes. The girl is in her seventeenth year and the boy in his twentieth. The evidence before the coroner's jury shows premeditated murder.

The girl stated in jail at Saluda that she was engaged to be married to Crittenden and on several occasions lately he had tried to frighten her by waving his pistol in her face.

In consequence of this treatment, about ten days ago she took the pistol from him and refused to return it.

Wednesday night she got a message to bring the pistol back and he would not attempt to frighten her any more, but when she met him in the road he grabbed the pistol and she holding on to the breech tried to jerk it out of his hand and caused the pistol to go off, killing Crittenden as above stated.

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POLITICAL.

The Neckenburg Convention.

Boydton, Va., September 14.—The Neckenburg Democrats, met here yesterday and nominated H. F. Hatcher, a Martin man, for the House.

The Situation in Louisiana.

Louisiana, Va., September 14.—The Republicans have nominated Robert M. Bagby for the Legislature. He asked for time to say whether he would accept or not, but it is probable that he will accept.

Dr. John B. Anderson has accepted the nomination for the Legislature tendered him by the Prohibitionists.

Mr. P. B. Mills has announced himself as an independent candidate for this county.

Westmoreland and Northumberland Nominations.

Waraw, Va., Sept. 14.—The convention for the House, composed of the counties of Westmoreland and Northumberland, was held today in the latter county. There was but one name proposed to the convention, that of G. J. Gouldman, of Westmoreland, who was nominated by acclamation. The resolutions adopted declared for the election of United States Senators by the people and for senatorial primaries until the Constitution is so amended as to permit of the direct vote. They also indorsed the course of the Hon. W. A. Jones in Congress and commended him for his patriotic fight for popular rights. The nominee was not instructed as to the Senatorship, but he carried both counties solidly on that issue, and was nominated as an avowed Tyler man.

Bruce and Ayers Nominated.

Big Stone Gap, Va., September 14.—The delegates representing Lee, Wise and Scott counties met here today in a Senatorial convention and nominated Hon. R. P. Bruce, of Wise, by acclamation. "No instructions were given as to the United States Senatorship."

At Clinton today delegates from Wise, Dickenson and Buchanan counties nominated Mr. Harry J. Ayers, of Wise, as the Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates. Mr. Ayers is a son of the Hon. General Rufus Ayers. "No instructions were given as to the Senatorship."

Botetourt Republicans Will Run a Man.

Buchanan, Va., September 14.—The Republicans of Botetourt have decided to put a candidate for the House in the field. Mr. James Landry, president of the First National Bank, of Buchanan, will be the nominee.

Thinks the American People Will Soon Get Tired of Spending \$50,000,000 a Year to the Philippines.

Potomac, Me., Sept. 14.—In a railroad train today Thomas B. Reed took part in a discussion with two Portland men and plainly expressed his sentiment in regard to the war in the Philippines. One of the friends with him, who is a radical expansionist, remarked that to withdraw our troops from the Philippines now would humiliate our Nation before the world. Mr. Reed replied:

"You don't think those Filipinos would chase our soldiers seven thousand miles, if they should start for home, do you?"

The Portland man replied that it was not fear of the Filipinos, but humiliation in the sight of other nations that was referred to, whereupon Mr. Reed said:

"I have always observed that with individuals the fear of humiliation is exactly in proportion as they decrease in size. I believe the same principle holds good with a nation and with a party. Some people seem to be afraid that these Filipinos will put their tongues in their cheeks at us. They have done that already. They have watched our failure as others have. I don't know how long it will be before the American people get tired of spending \$50,000,000 a year trying to conquer these people, but it doesn't seem to me it will be very long. I can conceive that freedom is just as dear to them as it is to us, and that they will fight for it just as long."

A Mystery Solved—The Finding of Two Coffins.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 14.—The mystery surrounding two coffins, one of which contained the body of an adult and the other that of a child, which were dug up on the site of an old house in a disreputable portion of the city Tuesday, was cleared up yesterday. Coroner E. V. Newton and Chief of Police Kizer made an investigation, at the conclusion of which the coroner said it was his opinion the coffins had been there 40 years, perhaps longer, and the people buried there may have been yellow fever victims, it having been the custom during the scourge of 1855 to bury victims in back yards.

Trust Conference.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—The radicals and conservatives had it out today on the floor of the trust conference, and the latter prevailed. Gov. Pingree received an ovation and his speech against trusts was wildly cheered, while ex-Gov. Foster's remarks on the other side of the question caused a scene of disorder. Col. William J. Bryan and Bourke Cockran spoke at night.

Viewed the Oceanic.

New York, Sept. 14.—There was a private view for the press of the new White Star steamship Oceanic today. Invited guests from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Rochester, Syracuse, Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, Montreal and other cities east of the Mississippi availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the Oceanic.

Death of Mrs. Severn Eyre.

Mrs. Severn Eyre, who has been sick only a few days, died at her home Wednesday afternoon, at "Eyre Hall," Northampton county. Her maiden name was Parker, and she was a descendant of an old Virginia family and was widely known in Virginia.

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POE'S BUST TO BE UNVEILED OCTOBER 7.

Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 15.—The Poe Memorial Association of the University of Virginia on the 7th of October will unveil Zolnay's bust of the poet.

This ceremony will occur in the library on the fiftieth anniversary of Poe's death. Two meetings will be devoted to the occasion. In the morning Dr. C. W. Kent, president of the association, will present the bust and it will be officially received by the university. The chief address will be by Hamilton W. Mayhew, and the poem by Robert Burns Wilson, of Frankfort, Ky.

The evening meeting will be a Poe symposium, and the chief speaker will be William Fearing Gill, of Paris, who is now in America, and is delaying his return to France in order to attend the unveiling.

Invitations will be sent to literary men and women all over the country, and the gathering is expected to be a notable one.

Ex-Secretary Carlisle has rejected all overtures to take part in the political campaign in Kentucky. He says he has retired permanently from politics. It is said he is earning \$50,000 a year from his law practice in New York.

"Given Up"

to die several times, yet I am spared to tell how I was saved," writes Mrs. A. A. Stowe, 237 N. 4th St., San Jose, Cal. "I had valvular heart trouble so severe that I was pronounced 'gone' two different times. The valves of my heart failed to work properly, and circulation was so sluggish that the slightest exertion produced fainting. There is no hope," said my physician, so I decided to try Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and the result I consider miraculous. I am satisfied it saved my life."

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The fine in such cases is \$30 and security required for good behavior.

A. P. ROWE, Mayor.

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree in the suits of Beazley vs. Beazley and Jackson vs. Beazley, &c., pending in Fredericksburg Circuit Court, the Commissioners of the Court, will sell to the highest bidder at a non

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in front of the Exchange Hotel, in the city of Fredericksburg, Va., all of the land described in said suit, being a tract of 1,044 acres, on the Main road leading to St. Ford C. H. The tract is situated in the county of Spotsylvania, adjoining the "Whitehall" and "Randolph" Gold Mines, well watered, a small house on it, and about two miles from Parker's Depot, on the P. & O. R. R. Much of this land is in woods, and is probably rich in minerals. It can be sold in parcels of about 30 acres, as surveyed off in this suit, or it can be sold as one lot, as buyers may wish. The terms will be one-third cash, half in two equal yearly payments, with interest, or terms can be made to suit.

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